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REQUEST MIDE TO "LEONID" BY "THE NEIGHBOUR" THROUGH "MIKSIM" FOR EXPERT INALYSIS OF HANDWRITING.

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As you will know, the wife of URLEVSKIJ who was recalled hanged herself last year. LEONID[1] reported to me that [1 group unrecovered] the Neighbour [SOSED][ii][0% here]passed to him through MLKSIM[1ii] for expert analysis two notes written by URLEVSKIJ's wife before her death and a specimen of U.'s[1v] own handwriting, as the Neighbour had detected a similarity in the handwritings of husband and wife. LEONID then reported the result of the expert analysis to MLKSIM and the Neighbour. The latter told LEONID that the notes could be burnt.

Inasmuch as LEONID has kept the documents, and U. is a Neighbour's man, telegraph whether I should send them to you at the earliest opportunity or return them to the Neighbour with an indication that we consider a special expert analysis of the handwritings essential. LEONID and I are in agreement that a similarity in the handwritings of these texts does exist.

No. 346 6th May MAY [MAJ][v]

[Comments overleaf]

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- Comments: [i] LEONID: Vasilij Kuz'mich KRASNIKOV.
 - [11] SOSED: a member of the Red Army Intelligence: Service.
 - [111] MAKSIM: possibly Vasilij Mikhajlovich ZUBILIN
 - [iv] U.: i.e. URLEVSKIJ.
 - [v] MaJ: Pavel Ivanovich FEDOSIMOV.

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